GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3494
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
CASE AGAINST MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AI
MINATI SEN;MOINUL HASSAN AHAMED;SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act against Air India`s officiating Managing Director as reported in Asian Age dated February 5, 2003;

(b) if so, the logic for allowing such an accused person to head the organisation to decide a two billion dollars aricraft`s purchase;

(c) the department of personnel`s guidelines in such a matter;

(d) whether the Government propose to take action as per these guidelines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The Department of Personnel`s guidelines interalia provide that mere registration of a regular case by CBI against the officer concerned should not be a ground for treating the said officer as one whose conduct is under investigation unless conclusion has been reached about the prima facie guilt of the officer. Until the competent authority arrives at such a conclusion, the officer may be treated at par with others in all administrative matters. The CBI is yet to submit its report to Government in the matter.